

State Agency Grant Training and Technical Assistance Project

GOAL

Assist state agencies with the grant identification/grant writing process, leading to self-sufficiency in the long term.

ACTION PLAN

Selected state agencies will participate at two levels:

1. How to Begin: A proactive approach to seeking grants.
 - The participants will learn techniques in creating a process for proactively finding and selecting grants, which will maximize the agency's mission and avoid wasting resources by pursuing the wrong grant.
 - The initial training session will be followed by individual technical assistance to help the agencies work through the process of identifying priorities.
 - These sessions will result in the development of a priority list of funding needs for each agency.
 - Proposed time commitment
 - One full day training session attended by all participating agencies
 - 3 or 4, 1/2 day consultations for each agency. The consultant will schedule these with each individual agency.
 - 1/2 day session to be attended by all participating agencies to discuss how the process worked and to obtain grant search assistance.
2. Grant Identification and Grant Planning Consultation
 - Grant Technical Assistance Consultants will be available to work with the participating agencies to:
 - Help them find the appropriate funding sources
 - Attend periodic meetings to assist with the grant application process.

AGENCY SELECTION

Priority will be given to agencies that:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to the process – support of the director and upper level management
- Commit an agency team to follow through with all aspects of the project, as outlined in the Action Plan.

PROJECT TEAM

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